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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed October 30, 2002, please amend the hereinabove referenced patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 8, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 6 with the following paragraph:

The casing 12 may be made of any suitable material such, for example, plastic with the cover 14 and base 16 being molded separately and thereafter fastened together in a tight fit to ensure security against ingress of fluid through seams of the casing 12. Preferably, the cover 14